

boro Railway Company within six months after the said railway company shall have graded the road bed and prepared the same for the iron, (exclusive of the principal bridges necessary,) or if after the said indorsement of the bonds aforesaid the company shall be unable to negotiate the same within twelve months thereafter, then it shall be lawful, and the said Fayetteville and Goldsboro Railway Company shall have power and authority to connect their road with any other railroad company upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the respective stockholders of the same. And the company so connected with shall have all the power, authority and privilege intended to be conferred by the act on the North Carolina and Atlantic Railroad Company. That the said Fayetteville and Goldsboro Railway Company shall have authority to construct a branch of their road to the town of Clinton, or to any other point or points, at the pleasure of the stockholders.

Further powers.

SEC. 10. The said corporation shall likewise have the power and authority to lease to or merge and consolidate with the Fayetteville and Florence Railroad Company upon such terms and in such manner as the stockholders in the respective corporations may agree upon; when so let or merged and consolidated the controlling corporation shall have authority to operate and maintain the entire line.

Steamboat lines.

SEC. 11. For the purpose of establishing and maintaining sea connections at Morehead and Newbern the said Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Company, or in event of consolidation, the controlling corporation shall be authorized to purchase, own and operate steamboat lines.

Convicts.

SEC. 12. That the directors in the North Carolina penitentiary be and they are hereby authorized to deliver to the said Fayetteville and Goldsboro Railway Company one hundred convicts, to be worked on their said road in its construction, upon such terms as is provided by law.

SEC. 13. That this act be in force from its ratification.

Ratified the 13th day of March, A. D. 1875.